



Biography

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM J. REW



Brigadier General William J. Rew is the commander of the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He commands a combat-ready F-16CJ fighter wing comprised of two fighter squadrons, 35 support agencies and more than 4,000 personnel. He oversees a 13,000-person base, which supports eight associate units representing all four services, and the Japan Air Self Defense Force. Additionally, the general serves as the senior U.S. military representative in northern Japan.

General Rew was born in Savannah, Ga. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1979, receiving his commission and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Factors Engineering. He has a broad background of experience flying the F-16 in various operational locations and in Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He was an instructor at the United States Air Force Weapons School, and has served on air, combined and joint staffs. General Rew has commanded at the squadron, group and wing level. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as the Director of the Combined Air Operations Center at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. Prior to his current assignment, General Rew served as the director of operations for Headquarters Ninth Air Force and United States Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

EDUCATION:

- 1979 Bachelor's of Science degree, Human Factors Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1983 Master of Science degree, Human Resources Management, Golden State University, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
- 1984 United States Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- 1992 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Armed Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk Navy Base, Va.
- 1997 Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1979 – July 1980, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. August 1980 – October 1980, AT-38 pilot, fighter lead in training, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
3. October 1980 – April 1981, F-16A pilot, 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 338th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
4. May 1981 – December 1983, F-16A pilot, 430th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 474th Tactical Fighter Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
5. December 1983 – May 1985, F-16A instructor pilot, wing weapons and tactics officer, 35th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
6. May 1985 – September 1988, F-16C flight commander, chief of weapons and tactics, 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
7. September 1988 – July 1991, F-16C instructor pilot, operations officer, F-16 Fighter Weapons School, 57th Fighter Weapons Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
8. August 1991 – August 1992, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. August 1992 – June 1994, staff officer, Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe, Operations Division, Attack Branch, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
10. June 1994 – June 1996, commander, F-16 Division, United States Air Force Weapons School, 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
11. July 1996 – May 1997, student, Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
12. June 1997 – June 1998, executive officer to Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. June 1998 – June 2000, commander, 35th Operations Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan
14. July 2000 – June 2001, director of operations, Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia, Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
15. June 2001 – February 2003, commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
16. February 2003 to April 2004, director of operations, Headquarters Ninth Air Force and United States Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
17. April 2004 to present, commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,800

Aircraft flown: F-16A/C, T/A-38, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant	May 1979
First Lieutenant	May 1981
Captain	May 1983
Major	December 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1994
Colonel	September 1998
Brigadier General	May 2004